Growth Centres are implemented by the State Governments, who are also responsible to raise bulk of the funds required for these projects. The Scheme aims at the certain of industrial infrastructure which involves land acquisition and its development. It is a long gestation process governed by local conditions. Besides much depends on the initiatives taken by the State Governments and also creation of investment friendly environment in the States. It is, therefore, not possible to prescribe a fixed time frame for completion of these Growth Centres.

(d) and (e) Full Central Assistance has been released to two of the four Growth Centres. Balance amount of Central Assistance could not be released to the remaining two Growth Centres because the Central Assistance is released pari passu to State releases and linked to the physical and financial progress made by the State Governments in the implementation of these two Growth Centres.

(f) There is no proposal to set up any more Growth Centres in tne State.

(g) The initatives for industrial development in the State primarily lies on the State Government. The Union Government only supplements their efforts through various schemes of infrastructure building such as growth Centre Scheme, IID Scheme, fiscal incentives to notified backward States/ Districts under the Income Tax Act, etc.

Proposal for construction of food parks in Madhya Pradesh

†3894. SHRISURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh had sent two proposals of two projects for construction of Food Parks in Chhindwara and Hoshangabad districts, each costing Rs. 737 lakhs and Rs. 1686 lakhs to Government for approval in May and January, 2002, respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The project cost for the project at Chhindwara is Rs. 837.65 lakhs and is being implemented by Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam

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(Jabalpur) Ltd. The project cost for the Hoshangabad project is Rs 820.37 lakhs and is being implemented by Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Vikas Nigam (Bhopal) Ltd.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industry have approved the two projects for providing financial assistance and have released the first instalment of Rs. 200 lakhs each for the food parks at Chhindwara and Hoshangabad in January, 2002 and March, 2002 respectively.

Chinese goods edging out Indian products in international markets

3895. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is correct that the growth in Indian exports to China has been at 86 per cent as against 36 per cent increase in exports from China to India during the first nine months of 2002-03;

(b) whether it is also correct that Chinese goods are edging out Indian products in the international markets;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what sincere and effective measures are being taken by Government to make Indian goods more competitive in the global market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) As per April to December 2003 statistics Indian exports to China grown at the rate of 86 per cent and Indian imports from China at 38.8 per cent.

(b) and (c) It is difficult to conclude that the Chinese goods are edging out Indian products in the international markets as the share of exports in the world market of any country is dependent on various factors such as demand, supply, price competitiveness, quality, terms of payment etc.

(d) Export Promotion being a constant endeavour of the Government, various initiatives have been launched to enhance exports which include schemes like Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure (ASIDE), establishing Agri Export Zones, Market Access Initiative, strenghtening "Focus LAC" programme, introducing "Focus